# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### **NEWS RELEASE**



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#### SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

#### District 1

District 1: will be closed.

#### District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 19, 2012:

District 2: will be open south of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73′ N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

#### District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 19, 2012:

District 4: will be open.

#### District 7

Section 7-A: will be closed.

#### District 10

District 10: will be closed.

#### District 11

The following area will be open to purse seining from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, July 19:

Section 11-A: will be open in the following area:

Amalga Harbor SHA: will be open in the waters of Favorite Channel within the boundaries of a line from a marker on the mainland shore south of Eagle Beach at 58°30.65′ N. latitude, 134°49.30′ W. longitude, running west to the northernmost tip of Gull Island at 58°30.35′ N. latitude, 134°52.14′ W. longitude, then running south to the southernmost tip of Bird Island at 58°29.32′ N. latitude, 134°51.01′ W. longitude, then running southeast to a marker on the mainland shore north of Pearl Harbor at 58°28.78′ N. latitude, 134°47.26′ W. longitude, then north to a marker on the mainland shore at 58°29.47′ N. latitude, 134°47.41′ W. longitude, and then north to a marker on the mainland shore at 58°30.02′ N. latitude, 134°48.06′ W. longitude.

#### District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 19, 2012:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following area:

Point Augusta: will be closed.

Hidden Falls THA: Takatz Bay will be open west of 134°48.39′ W. longitude.

#### District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 19, 2012:

Section 13-B: Redfish Bay will be open north of the latitude of the westernmost tip of One Tree Rock (normal markers).

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: for the Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Hidden Falls Information: the NSRAA Board of Directors has requested that the Department of Revenue assess a 20% tax of the value of all chum salmon harvested in the waters described as Section 12-A south of 57°27.00′ N. latitude, north of 57°01.00′ N. latitude, and west of a line from 57°27.00′ N. latitude, 134°45.50′ W. longitude to 57°01.00′ N. latitude, 134°41.50′ W. longitude (Subsections 112-11, 112-21, and 112-22) from June 15 through July 31 as provided for under AS 16.10.455 and new regulations adopted by the Department of Revenue found at:

http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/documentviewer/viewer.aspx?209s.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Friday, July 20, 2012.

Copies of the "2012 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan" may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department's website at: <a href="http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon managementplans">http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon managementplans</a>.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S4412.

## Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 29 (midweek)

**Preliminary Estimates compiled July 17, 2012** 

	NUMBERS OF SALMON						
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	-	1,000	900	42,000	10,000	53,900	16
District 2	-	3,600	6,800	61,000	78,000	149,400	47
District 4	-	5,500	2,000	20,000	10,000	37,500	6
District 7-A	0	400	100	36,000	20,000	56,500	36
Deep Inlet THA	80	100	5	1,700	6,500	8,385	11
Hidden Falls THA	100	300	50	1,000	136,000	137,450	50
Point Augusta	-	2,000	50	29,000	23,000	54,050	15

Area	FISH PER BOAT						
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	-	63	56	2,625	625	3,369	
District 2	-	77	145	1,298	1,660	3,179	
District 4	-	917	333	3,333	1,667	6,250	
District 7-A	0	11	3	1,000	556	1,569	
Deep Inlet THA	7	9	0	155	591	762	
Hidden Falls THA	2	0	0	0	2,720	2,749	
Point Augusta	-	133	3	1,933	1,533	3,603	

District 10: confidential.

Anita Bay THA: 50,000 chums and 4,400 kings harvested to date.

Deep Inlet THA: Sunday only.

Kendrick Bay THA: 45,000 chums harvested to date.

Point Augusta: Stat Week 29 index area pink salmon harvest was 42% of the 10-year average.

News releases web site: <a href="http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main">http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</a>.

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